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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO FRENCH ON SOUTH AFRICA

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE LEUSSE INFORMS US THAT INSTEAD OF A BREZHNEV LETTER DELIVERED BY SOVIETS IN PARIS AS WAS DONE FOR U.S., UK AND FRG, SOVIET MFA'S FIRST EUROPEAN DIVISION CHIEF DUBININ CALLED HIM IN TO GIVE HIM AN ORAL DEMARCHE ALONG THE LINES OF THE WRITTEN MESSAGE. DE LEUSSE ASSUMES SOVIETS CHOSE THIS DIFFERENT FORMAT FOR THE FRENCH TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY THAT A BREZHNEV LETTER WOULD BECOME AN ISSUE IN THE FRENCH ELECTION CAMPAIGN.
2. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH DE LEUSEE'S ESTIMATE OF THE SOVIET MOTIVES FOR TREATING THE FRENCH DIFFERENTLY. IT IS A FURTHER INDICATION OF THE "SILENT FAVOR" THE SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN GISCARD AND THE GOVERNING COALITION IN THE ELECTIONS, SINCE THE PUBLIC REVELATION OF THE BREZHNEV LETTER WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EMBARRASSMENT TO GISCARD AND THE RIGHT AND MIGHT HAVE GIVEN THE LEFT ANOTHER ISSUE TO USE, VIZ. FRENCH POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA.
3. DEPT. PLEASE GIVE ADDITIONAL LATERAL DISTRIBUTION AS DESIRED. TOON

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